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FOLLOWING REPEAT ROME 1299 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO GENEVA
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C O N F I D E N T I A L ROME 1299

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SUBJECT: GENEVA GROUP CONSULTATION, FEB. 4-6; PREVENTING
POLITICIZATION OF SPECIALIZED AGENCIES

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED ON JAN. 28 THE POINTS CONTAINED IN
REFTTEL WITH MICHELANGELO PISANI, CHIEF OF THE OFFICE OF
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF THE MFA'S POLITICAL DIRECTORATE.
PISANI WILL BE A MEMBER OF THE ITALIAN DELEGATION TO SUBJECT
MEETING.

2. AFTER HEARING A PRESENTATION OF THE POINTS THE US DELE-
GATION WISHES TO DISCUSS AT THE MEETING, PISANI SAID THAT
THE ITALIAN SIDE SHARES FULLY THE AMERICAN CONCERN OVER THE
GROWING THREAT OF THE POLITICIZATION OF UN SPECIALIZED
AGENCIES. HE FELT THAT THE US PRESENTATION OF AREAS IN WHICH
THE GENEVA GROUP COULD FOCUS ITS EFFORTS IN AN ATTEMPT TO
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COUNTER THIS TREND WAS A USEFUL CONTRIBUTION. HE EXPRESSED

HIS OPINION THAT THE MOST DIFFICULT PROBLEM TO BE RESOLVED WOULD BE THE TACTICS WHICH THE GENEVA GROUP MEMBERS COULD USE TO ACHIEVE THEIR OBJECTIVES WITHOUT PROVOKING A HOSTILE REACTION FROM THE LDC'S. PISANI OBSERVED THAT CERTAIN OF OUR SUGGESTED LINES OF ACTION, I.E., CLOSER CONSULTATIONS, IMPROVED CONTACTS WITH THE SECRETARIATS OF SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, COULD BE MORE EASILY ATTAINED THAN OTHERS WHICH WOULD REQUIRE CLOSER EXAMINATION AND TAKE LONGER TO PRODUCE RESULTS.

3. PISANI SAID THAT HE WOULD CONSULT WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ITALIAN DELEGATION AND WITH MFA OFFICIALS ON THE POINTS WE HAD RAISED. HE PROMISED TO BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH US PRIOR TO DEPARTING FOR GENEVA SHOULD THE ITALIANS HAVE ANY SPECIAL POINTS THEY WISH TO RAISE IN CONNECTION WITH OUR SUGGESTIONS. VOLPE UNQTE KISSINGER

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